Listing of Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A friction clutch comprising a friction element ~~for a friction clutch~~ having friction surface for frictional contact with a clutch disk, wherein said friction element is formed of flake graphite alloy comprising:

3.0 – 3.4 percent by weight C;

1.8 – 2.3 percent by weight Si;

0.4 – 0.8 percent by weight Mn;

0.0 – 0.35 percent by weight P;

0.0 – 0.125 percent by weight S;

0.4 – 0.6 percent by weight Mo; and

a remainder comprising iron and production-related impurities and/or additives.

3. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 2, wherein said friction element comprises a pressure plate.

4. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 2, wherein said friction element comprises a flywheel mass part.

5. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 2, wherein said friction element comprises an intermediate plate of a multidisk clutch.

6. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 2, wherein said friction element is cast and stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 450°C to 600°C for a period of at least 2.5 hours after casting.

7. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 6, wherein said friction element is stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 500°C to 550°C for a period of at least 3 hours.

8. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 3, wherein said friction element is cast and stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 450°C to 600°C for a period of at least 2.5 hours after casting.

9. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 8, wherein said friction element is stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 500°C to 550°C for a period of at least 3 hours.

10. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 4, wherein said friction element is cast and stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 450°C to 600°C for a period of at least 2.5 hours after casting.

11. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 10, wherein said friction element is stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 500°C to 550°C for a period of at least 3 hours.

12. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 5, wherein said friction element is cast and stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 450°C to 600°C for a period of at least 2.5 hours after casting.

13. (currently amended) The friction ~~element~~ clutch of claim 12, wherein said friction element is stress-relief annealed at a temperature within a range including 500°C to 550°C for a period of at least 3 hours.